

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 through 21, 26 through 51 (renumbered as Claims 26 through 52), and 56 through 69 (renumbered as Claims 57 through 70), as indicated below.

Original Claims 22 through 25, 52 through 55 (renumbered as Claims 53 through 56), and 70 through 89 (renumbered as Claims 71 through 90) are withdrawn without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:
display to each respective user of a plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each respective particular parcel to be shipped by each respective user, a[n] respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates are calculated for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to ship the[a] respective particular parcel, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds[ing] to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the respective particular parcel to a respective particular delivery destination at a respective particular parcel delivery time on a respective particular parcel delivery date, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global

communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 1, said computer system further programmed to:

display each respective simultaneous[said] online interactive graphic cross-comparison as comprising an array comprising [of]a plurality of cells.

3. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 2, said computer system further programmed to:

display each respective cell of said plurality of cells for a respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison at an intersection of indications [of]that corresponds to a respective particular parcel delivery date of a plurality of delivery dates and a respective particular parcel delivery time of a plurality of delivery times, wherein a respective cell corresponds to the respective particular parcel delivery date and the respective particular parcel delivery time.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 3, said computer system further programmed to:

display each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate in [each]a respective cell that corresponds[ing] to [a]the respective particular parcel delivery date and [a]the respective particular parcel delivery time for which delivery of the respective particular parcel [is]would be supported by at least one particular the respective service offered by at least one particular the respective carrier each shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel calculated according to a set of rules for delivery of the particular parcel by each corresponding service offered by each corresponding carrier.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 4, said computer system further programmed to:

subdivide each respective cell for which more than one service or more than one carrier would support[s] delivery of the respective particular parcel at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date corresponding to said respective cell, into a plurality of sub-cell divisions, wherein each sub-cell division of said plurality of sub-cell divisions correspond[ing] to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier that would support[s] delivery of [said]the respective particular parcel at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date that corresponds to the particular-respective cell.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 5, said computer system further programmed to:

colorize the display of each sub-cell division containing a display of a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for shipping the respective particular parcel, ~~said shipping rate corresponding to a particular service offered by a particular carrier, each~~ sub-cell division having a color that corresponds to the ~~particular-respective~~ carrier, each respective carrier having a different corresponding color.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 6, said computer system further programmed to:

display each respective sub-cell division ~~of the online display of said array~~ as further containing a[n]respective onscreen interactive selection button.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a placement by an onscreen cursor over [the]a particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division; and

respond to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an area in close proximity to the particular respective sub-cell division, said onscreen window containing [the]a name of the respective carrier and a description of the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over [an]the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division; and

respond to the onscreen cursor clicking the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over [an]the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division; and

respond to the onscreen cursor clicking the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping document for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim [7]4, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a placement by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen display of a particular respective cell; and

respond to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an area in close proximity to the particular respective cell, said window containing [the]a name of the respective carrier and a description of the respective service corresponding to the particular respective cell.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim [7]4, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over a display of a particular respective cell; and

respond to the onscreen cursor clicking by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective cell.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said computer system is programmed to:

simultaneously display to [one]a first particular user of a plurality of users a first cross-comparison of a first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a first particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds[ing] to a delivery of the first particular parcel at a first respective particular delivery time on a first respective particular delivery date by [one]a respective service of a plurality of services offered by [one]a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the first particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of said first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds to a calculation according to a respective set of carrier-service-specific rules for shipping said first particular parcel, wherein said respective set of service-specific rules corresponds to a respective service for a particular one of the plurality of [said] services offered by a respective carrier of the plurality particular one of said carriers that would support[s] delivery of said first particular parcel according to a first set of user input parcel specifications and a first set of user input parcel shipping specifications.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 14, said computer system further programmed to:
display said first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates in the form of as a[n] first online interactive graphic array, said first interactive graphic array having a[n] first axis and a second axis.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 15, said computer system further programmed to:
display along the first axis of the first online interactive graphic array a plurality of displayed delivery dates that follow a current date.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 16, said computer system further programmed to:
graphically dedicate to each displayed delivery date of the plurality of displayed delivery dates, a delivery date-related portion of the first online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery date-related portion[s] is perpendicular to the first axis, and wherein each of said delivery date-related portion[s] is aligned with one respective displayed delivery date of the plurality of displayed delivery dates.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 16, said computer system further programmed to:

display along the second axis of the first online interactive graphic array a plurality of displayed delivery times; and

graphically dedicate to each displayed delivery time of the plurality of displayed delivery times a delivery time-related portion of the first online interactive graphic array, wherein each ~~of said~~ delivery time-related portion[s] is perpendicular to the second axis, and wherein each ~~of said~~ delivery time-related portion[s] is aligned with one respective displayed delivery time of the plurality of displayed delivery times.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 18, said computer system further programmed to:

display each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate that ~~corresponds to delivery of the parcel by a particular carrier at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date at a[n]respective~~ intersection of a respective delivery date-related portion and a respective delivery time-related portion, wherein the respective delivery time-related portion corresponds to the delivery of the first particular parcel at the respective particular delivery time by the respective service offered by the respective carrier for which the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate was calculated, and wherein the respective delivery date-related portion corresponds to the delivery of the first particular parcel on the respective particular delivery date by the respective service offered by the respective carrier for which the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate was calculated~~for which the carrier and the service supports delivery of the parcel on the delivery date aligned with the intersecting delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time aligned with the intersecting delivery time-related portion.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 19, said computer system further programmed to:

colorize each of said respective intersections containing a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate with a respective color corresponding to the respective carrier that offers the respective service of delivering the parcel on the delivery date aligned with the intersecting delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time aligned with the intersecting delivery time-related portion.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim [19]13, said computer system further programmed to:

simultaneously display to a second particular user of the plurality of users a second cross-comparison of a second plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a second particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the second plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds to a delivery of the second particular parcel at a second respective particular delivery time on a second respective particular delivery date by a respective service of the plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of the plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated for each respective service of the plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the second particular parcel

display along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of carrier names, each carrier name corresponding to a particular carrier;
and

graphically dedicate to each of the plurality of displayed carrier names a portion of the online interactive graphic array that is perpendicular to the second axis and aligned with said carrier name.

22. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 21, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a first clicking by an onscreen cursor over a portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to a first particular carrier; and

respond to the first onscreen cursor clicking by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the first particular carrier, each service offering delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

23. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 22, said computer system further programmed to:

display a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported by the particular service offered by the first particular carrier.

24. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 23, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a second clicking by an onscreen cursor over the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to a second particular carrier; and

respond to the second onscreen cursor clicking by collapsing the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier and by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the second particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the second particular carrier.

25. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 24, said computer system further programmed to:

display a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported by the service offered by the second particular carrier,

each service offering delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

26. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

prompt a user, in response to a user-request by the user for a shipping rate and delivery time comparis[i]on for shipping a particular parcel, with an interactive prompt, said interactive prompt comprising a display of a plurality of cells, wherein each cell of said plurality of cells comprises an intersection of indications of a corresponding parcel delivery date and a corresponding parcel delivery time, and wherein at least one cell of said plurality of cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate, wherein said calculated shipping rate corresponds[ing] to a particular carrier delivering said particular parcel at the indicated-corresponding delivery time on the indicated-corresponding delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

27. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

prompt [one]a first particular user of a plurality of users with a first service and carrier selection user prompt to select one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular-first user, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network, wherein said first service and carrier selection prompt comprises a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each

respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date.

28. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

collect user input₁ from one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a selection by the particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping [said]a particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network,~~ wherein said user input comprises an indication of a particular service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate selected from a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said computer system is programmed to:

detect a clicking₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate as a selection by the~~ particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by [one]a

particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said selected-displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

30. (Currently Amended) A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said computer system is programmed to:

detect a placement of a cursor₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ over a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by [one]~~a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said selected-displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

31. (Currently Amended) A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said computer system is programmed to:

respond to a clicking₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate₁~~, by displaying an

onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a particular carrier and a particular service, wherein said ~~selected~~ cell contains a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate that corresponds to a rate for the ~~corresponding particular service and the particular carrier to deliver the particular parcel~~, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

32. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

displaying to each respective user of a plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each respective particular parcel to be shipped by each respective user, a[n] respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates are calculated for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to ship the[a] respective particular parcel, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds[ing] to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the respective particular parcel to a respective particular delivery destination at a respective particular parcel delivery time on a respective particular parcel delivery date, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 32, said method further comprising:

displaying each respective simultaneous[said] online interactive graphic cross-comparison as comprising an array comprising [of]a plurality of cells.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 33, said method further comprising:

displaying each respective cell of said plurality of cells for a respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison at an intersection of indications [of]~~that corresponds to~~ a respective particular parcel delivery date of a plurality of delivery dates and a respective particular parcel delivery time of a plurality of delivery times, wherein a respective cell corresponds to the respective particular parcel delivery date and the respective particular parcel delivery time.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 34, said method further comprising:

displaying each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate in [each]a respective cell that corresponds[ing] to [a]the respective particular parcel delivery date and [a]the respective particular parcel delivery time for which delivery of the respective particular parcel [is]would be supported by at least one particular the respective service offered by at least one particular the respective carrier each shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel calculated according to a set of rules for delivery of the particular parcel by each corresponding service offered by each corresponding carrier.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 35, said method further comprising:

subdividing each respective cell for which more than one service or more than one carrier would support[s] delivery of the respective particular parcel at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date corresponding to said respective cell, into a plurality of sub-cell

divisions, wherein each sub-cell division of said plurality of sub-cell divisions correspond[ing] to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier that would support[s] delivery of [said]the respective particular parcel at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date that corresponds to the ~~particular~~respective cell.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 36, said method further comprising:

colorizing the display of each sub-cell division containing a display of a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for shipping the respective particular parcel, ~~said shipping rate corresponding to a particular service offered by a particular carrier,~~ each sub-cell division having a color that corresponds to the ~~particular~~respective carrier, each respective carrier having a different corresponding color.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 37, said method further comprising:

displaying each respective sub-cell division ~~of the online display of said array as~~ further containing a[n]respective onscreen interactive selection button.

39. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

detecting a placement by an onscreen cursor over [the]a particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division; and

responding to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an area in close proximity to the particular respective sub-cell division, said onscreen window containing [the]a name of the respective carrier and a description of the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over [an]the particular
respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell
division; and

responding to the onscreen cursor clicking the particular respective
onscreen interactive selection button by displaying an onscreen display of a
shipping label for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective
carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-
cell division.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over [an]the particular
respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell
division; and

responding to the onscreen cursor clicking the particular respective
onscreen interactive selection button by displaying an onscreen display of a
shipping document for shipping the respective particular parcel with the
respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular
respective sub-cell division.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising to:

detecting a placement by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen display of
a particular respective cell; and

responding to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen
window in an area in close proximity to the particular respective cell, said window
containing [the]a name of the respective carrier and a description of the
respective service corresponding to the particular respective cell.

[42]43. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over a display of a particular respective cell; and

responding to the onscreen cursor clicking by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective cell.

[43]44. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device,~~ the method comprising:

simultaneously displaying to [one]a first particular user of a plurality of users, a first cross-comparison of a first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a first particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds[ing] to a delivery of the first particular parcel at a first respective particular delivery time on a first respective particular delivery date by [one]a respective service of a plurality of services offered by [one]a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the first particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[44]45. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [43]44, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of said first plurality of

service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds to a calculation according to a respective set of ~~carrier~~ service-specific rules for shipping said first particular parcel, wherein said respective set of service-specific rules corresponds to a respective service ~~for a particular one of the plurality of~~ [said] services offered by a respective carrier of the plurality ~~particular one of~~ said carriers that would support[s] delivery of said first particular parcel according to a first set of user input parcel specifications and a first set of user input parcel shipping specifications.

[45]46. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [44]45, said method further comprising:

displaying said first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates ~~in the form of~~ as a[n] first online interactive graphic array, said first interactive graphic array having a[n] first axis and a second axis.

[46]47. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [45]46, said method further comprising:

displaying along the first axis of the first online interactive graphic array a plurality of displayed delivery dates that follow a current date.

[47]48. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [46]47, said method further comprising:

graphically dedicating to each displayed delivery date of the plurality of displayed delivery dates, a delivery date-related portion of the first online interactive graphic array, wherein each ~~of said~~ delivery date-related portion[s] is perpendicular to the first axis, and wherein each ~~of said~~ delivery date-related portion[s] is aligned with one respective displayed delivery date of the plurality of displayed delivery dates.

[48]49. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [46]47, said method further comprising:

displaying along the second axis of the first online interactive graphic array a plurality of displayed delivery times; and

graphically dedicating to each displayed delivery time of the plurality of displayed delivery times a delivery time-related portion of the first online interactive graphic array, wherein each ~~of said~~ delivery time-related portion[s] is perpendicular to the second axis, and wherein each ~~of said~~ delivery time-related portion[s] is aligned with one respective displayed delivery time of the plurality of displayed delivery times.

[49]50. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [48]49, said method further comprising:

displaying each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate ~~that corresponds to delivery of the parcel by a particular carrier at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date at a[n]~~respective intersection of a respective delivery date-related portion and a respective delivery time-related portion, wherein the respective delivery time-related portion corresponds to the delivery of the first particular parcel at the respective particular delivery time by the respective service offered by the respective carrier for which the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate was calculated, and wherein the respective delivery date-related portion corresponds to the delivery of the first particular parcel on the respective particular delivery date by the respective service offered by the respective carrier for which the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate was calculated~~for which the carrier and the service supports delivery of the parcel on the delivery date aligned with the intersecting delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time aligned with the intersecting delivery time-related portion.~~

[50]51. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [49]50, said method further comprising:

colorizing each of said respective intersections containing a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate with a respective color corresponding to the

~~respective carrier that offers the respective service of delivering the parcel on the delivery date aligned with the intersecting delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time aligned with the intersecting delivery time-related portion.~~

[51]52. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [49]44, said method further comprising:

simultaneously displaying to a second particular user of the plurality of users a second cross-comparison of a second plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a second particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the second plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds to a delivery of the second particular parcel at a second respective particular delivery time on a second respective particular delivery date by a respective service of the plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of the plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated for each respective service of the plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the second particular parcel

~~displaying along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of carrier names, each carrier name corresponding to a particular carrier; and~~

~~graphically dedicating to each of the plurality of displayed carrier names a portion of the online interactive graphic array that is perpendicular to the second axis and aligned with said carrier name.~~

[52]53. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim [51]52, said method further comprising:

detecting a first clicking by an onscreen cursor over a portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to a first particular carrier; and

responding to the first onscreen cursor clicking by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the first particular

carrier, each service offering delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

[53]54. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim [52]53, said method further comprising:

displaying a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported by the particular service offered by the first particular carrier.

[54]55. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim [53]54, said method further comprising:

detecting a second clicking by an onscreen cursor over the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to a second particular carrier; and

responding to the second onscreen cursor clicking by collapsing the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier and by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the second particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the second particular carrier.

[55]56. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim [54]55, said method further comprising:

displaying a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported by the service offered by the second particular carrier, each service offering delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

[56]57. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device,

the method comprising:

prompting a user, in response to a ~~user-request~~ by the user for a shipping rate and delivery time comparis[i]on for shipping a particular parcel, with an interactive prompt, said interactive prompt comprising a display of a plurality of cells, wherein each cell of said plurality of cells comprises an intersection of indications of a corresponding parcel delivery date and a corresponding parcel delivery time, and wherein at least one cell of said plurality of cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate, wherein said calculated shipping rate corresponds[ing] to a particular carrier delivering said particular parcel at the indicated-corresponding delivery time on the indicated-corresponding delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

[57]58. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

prompting [one]a first particular user of a plurality of users with a first service and carrier selection user prompt to select one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular-first user, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network, wherein said first service and carrier selection prompt comprises a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date.

[58]59. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

collecting user input₁ from one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a selection by the particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping [said] a particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network, wherein said user input comprises an indication of a particular service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate selected from a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date.

[59]60. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

detecting a clicking₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate as a selection~~ by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by [one] a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell

selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said ~~selected~~displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[60]61. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

detecting a placement of a cursor₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ over a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by [one]a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel~~, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said ~~selected~~displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[61]62. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

responding to a clicking₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate~~₁ by displaying an

onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a particular carrier and a particular service, wherein said ~~selected~~ cell contains a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate that corresponds to a rate for the ~~corresponding particular~~ service and the particular carrier to deliver the particular parcel, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

[62]63. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for displaying to each respective user of a plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each respective particular parcel to be shipped by each respective user, a[n] respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates are calculated for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to ship the[a] respective particular parcel, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds[ing] to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the respective particular parcel to a respective particular delivery destination at a respective particular parcel delivery time on a respective particular parcel delivery date, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

[63]64. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for simultaneously displaying to [one]a first particular user of a plurality of users a first cross-comparison of a first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a first particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds[ing] to a delivery of the first particular parcel at a first respective particular delivery time on a first respective particular delivery date by [one]a respective service of a plurality of services offered by [one]a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the first particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

[64]65. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for prompting a user, in response to a ~~user request by the user~~ for a shipping rate and delivery time comparis[i]on for shipping a particular parcel, with an interactive prompt, said interactive prompt comprising a display of a plurality of cells, wherein each cell of said plurality of cells comprises an intersection of indications of a corresponding parcel delivery

date and a corresponding parcel delivery time, and wherein at least one cell of said plurality of cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate, wherein said calculated shipping rate corresponds[ing] to a particular carrier delivering said particular parcel at the ~~indicated~~ corresponding delivery time on the ~~indicated~~ corresponding delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

[65]66. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for prompting [one] a first particular user of a plurality of users with a first service and carrier selection user prompt to select one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the ~~particular~~ first user, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network, wherein said first service and carrier selection prompt~~ comprises a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date.

[66]67. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for collecting user input₁ from one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a selection by the particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping [said]a particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with ~~having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network, wherein said user input comprises an indication of a particular service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate selected from a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date.~~

[67]68. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for detecting a clicking₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate~~ as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by [one]a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said ~~selected-displayed~~ shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective

~~user client computer device is adapted for communications with has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[68]69. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for detecting a placement of a cursor₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ over a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate~~ as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by [one] a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said ~~selected displayed~~ shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

[69]70. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels ~~shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers~~, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for responding to a clicking₁ by one particular user of a plurality of users₁ of a cell of an online interactive display ~~containing a shipping rate~~, by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a particular carrier and a particular service, wherein said ~~selected cell contains a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate that~~ corresponds to a rate for the corresponding particular service and the particular carrier to deliver the particular parcel, wherein each respective user of the

plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with has ~~an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

[70]71. (Withdrawn) An online interactive shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

instruct a particular remote user client computer from a plurality of remote computer devices to regenerate a display of shipping information based on modified input by a particular user to the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the computer system communicates with each remote user client computer device over a global communications network.

[71]72. (Withdrawn) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

instructing a particular remote user client computer from a plurality of remote computer devices to regenerate a display of shipping information based on modified input by a particular user to the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the computer system communicates with each remote user client computer device over a global communications network.

[72]73. (Withdrawn) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for instructing a particular remote user client computer from a plurality of remote computer devices to regenerate a display of shipping information based on modified input by a particular user to the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the computer system communicates with each remote user client computer device over a global

communications network.

[73]74. (Withdrawn) A method using a computer system for regenerating a shipping information display at a client computer device connected to the computer system over a global communications network, the method comprising:

distributing to the client computer device an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping information display, a set of data input by a particular user from the client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

[74]75. (Withdrawn) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for regenerating an online shipping information display at a client computer device, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for distributing to a remote user client computer device an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping information display, a set of data input by a particular user from the client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields, wherein the computer system communicates with each remote user client computer device over a global communications network.

[75]76. (Withdrawn) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

distributing to a client computer device connected to the computer system over a global communications network an executable set of executed computer

instructions for generating an interactive user interface display, a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data input by a particular user from the client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

[76]77. (Withdrawn) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a client computer device, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for regenerating a display of shipping rates and delivery schedules at any particular remote user client computer device of a plurality of remote user client computer devices, based on modified parcel specification or shipping specification input by a particular user at a particular remote user client computer device, wherein the set of program instructions instruct the client computer to communicate with a shipping management computer system over a global communications network to obtain rating information.

[77]78. (Withdrawn) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for distributing to a client computer device connected to the computer system over a global communications network an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface display, a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data input by a particular user from the client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

[78]79. (Withdrawn) An online interactive shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

distribute with an interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping information display.

[79]80. (Withdrawn) The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim [78]79, said computer system further programmed to:

distribute with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of data input by a particular user from the client computer device.

[80]81. (Withdrawn) The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim [79]80, said computer system further programmed to:

distribute with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

[81]82. (Withdrawn) The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim [80]81, wherein the set of data input by a particular user comprises a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data.

[82]83. (Withdrawn) A method using a computer system for regenerating an online shipping information display at a client computer device, the method comprising:

distributing with an interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device an executable set of executed computer

instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping information display.

[83]84. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 82, said method further comprising:

distributing with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of data input by a particular user from the client computer device.

[84]85. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim [83]84, said method further comprising:

distributing with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

[85]86. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim [84]85, wherein the set of data input by a particular user comprises a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data.

[86]87. (Withdrawn) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for distributing with an interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping information display.

[87]88. (Withdrawn) The computer program product of Claim [86]87, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for distributing with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of data input by a particular user from the client computer device.

[88]89. (Withdrawn) The computer program product of Claim [87]88, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for distributing with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

[89]90. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim [88]89, wherein the set of data input by a particular user comprises a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data.